

**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re: Application of: Gregor CEVC  
Serial No.: To Be Assigned  
International  
Application No.: PCT/EP98/08421  
Filed: Herewith  
For: **IMPROVED FORMULATION FOR TOPICAL  
NON-INVASIVE APPLICATION IN VIVO**

BOX: PATENT APPLICATION  
Asst. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

June 22, 2001

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicants request that the following Amendments be made in the above-identified matter prior to examination thereof:

**In the Abstract:**

Please add the following text as an Abstract of the Disclosure, as submitted on a separate sheet appended hereto:

**-- ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

N.E.  
A formulation comprising molecular arrangements capable of penetrating pores in a barrier, owing to penetrant adaptability, despite the fact that the average diameter of said pores is smaller than the average penetrant diameter, provided that the penetrants can transport agents or else enable agent permeation through the pores after penetrants have entered pores, characterized in that the formulation comprises at least one consistency builder in an amount that increases the formulation to maximally 5 Ns/m<sup>2</sup> so that spreading over, and retention at, the application area is enabled and/or at least one antioxidant in an amount that reduces the increase of oxidation index